

## MSDS Early Childhood Collections New Characteristics 2017-18

There are two new characteristics collected in the MSDS Early Childhood (EC) collections for the 2017-18 school year: "Federal Poverty Level Quintile" (FPLQ) and "Provider License Number" (PLN). These are in the EC Programs component. This guidance was written in collaboration with CEPI's partners at the [Michigan Department of Education](#) (MDE), the [Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs](#) (LARA), and the [Early Childhood Investment Corporation](#) (ECIC).

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FPLQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The FPLQ that a child's family belongs to</li> <li>*Federal term is "poverty guidelines"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Choose from list of values (01-07)</li> <li>*Must be reported for children in a GSRP or GSRP/HS Blend program, but can be reported for other EC programs</li> <li>*Report FPLQ of child at time of enrollment</li> <li>*MDE has advised that children with a risk factor of homelessness or foster care at time of enrollment be reported with FPLQ code 01</li> <li>*<a href="#">GSRP Income Chart</a> on MDE website</li> <li>*<a href="#">GSRP Income Eligibility Guidelines</a> on MDE website</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SAA states that federal poverty level be used to establish enrollment priority for GSRP programs</li> <li>*SAA states that at least 90% of the children for whom an intermediate district is receiving GSRP funds and providing GSRP services must live with families from a household income equal to or less than 250% of the federal poverty level</li> <li>*A recent audit by the Office of the Auditor General determined that MDE needs to monitor federal poverty level</li> <li>*MDE Office of Great Start asked that CEPI collect this information to monitor GSRP program compliance</li> <li>*CEPI will NOT be collecting any specific income data</li> </ul>	School Aid Act (SAA) Section 32D (5)(b) and (11)

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PLN	<p>*The license number assigned to the location a child receives EC services</p> <p>*Licensed providers are assigned an 11-digit code (2 letters, 9 numbers) by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)</p> <p>*Tribal programs not licensed by the State are assigned a 14-digit code (7 letters, 7 numbers) by the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC)</p>	<p>*Report assigned code in characteristic</p> <p>*Must be reported for children in a GSRP, GSRP/HS Blend, or HS program, but can be reported for other EC programs</p> <p>*<a href="#">Statewide Search tool</a> available on LARA website</p> <p>*Tribal programs not licensed by the State, contact ECIC</p>	<p>*SAA states that one requirement for GSRP program eligibility is a rating of at least 3 stars in Michigan’s QRIS, Great Start to Quality, hosted by ECIC</p> <p>*The PLN is a key piece of data used to connect multiple systems of early childhood data across multiple state agencies in Michigan (including the QRIS to MSDS), which could provide a clearer picture of services received by children in Michigan</p> <p>*The PLN is a necessary mechanism to connect child-level data with program-level quality data</p> <p>*PLN is an essential element in the building of an ECIDS in the State of Michigan</p>	School Aid Act (SAA) Section 32D (4)(j)

For more information, reference [CEPI’s MSDS Collection Details Manual](#) and [Early Childhood Programs component business rules document](#). NOTE: the manual is currently being updated to reflect PLN information for Tribal programs not licensed by the State.

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**Glossary:**

- CEPI – Center for Educational Performance and Information
- ECIC – Early Childhood Investment Corporation
- ECIDS – Early Childhood Integrated Data System
- FPLQ - Federal Poverty Level Quintile
- GSRP- Great Start Readiness Program
- HS – Head Start
- LARA - Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- MDE – Michigan Department of Education
- PLN – Provider License Number
- QRIS – Quality Rating Improvement System
- MSDS – Michigan Student Data System